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SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL-LIBYA DISPUTE

REF: TRIPOLI 1224

1. PRESSURE HAS BEEN BUILDING UP AMONG BRITISH WORKERS AT OXY'S ZUWAYTINA TERMINAL. ON OCT 27 (SAME DAY CONSUL DANGA'S PARTY VISITED AMERICANS AT OXY PUMPING STATION) ABOUT FIFTY BRITISHERS SIGNED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO OXY MANAGEMENT-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ABDUL LATIF ZARRUG EXPRESSING VIEW THAT PRESENT ONE FOR ONE LEAVE SCHEDULE IS IMPRACTICAL FOR TERMINAL OPERATIONS BECAUSE IT IS NOT AIMED AT COVERING WORKLOADS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. THEY SAID THEY COULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF, UNDER PRESENT PROCEDURE, ANY DEPARTMENT BECAME TOTALLY UNMANNED. THEY OFFERED TO GUARANTEE FULL JOB COVERAGE, IT ALL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED.

2. NOTIFICATION ALSO ENDED WITH A THREAT. IF ZARRUG FAILS TO TAKE ACTION, THEY WILL ASSUME IT IS HIS ATTENTION TO RISK SHUTTING DOWN TERMINAL. AT ANY RATE, THEY SAID THAT ON COMPLETING 33 DAYS' WORK THEY WOULD (WALK OFF THE JOB AND) RETURN TO TRIPOLI TO AWAIT DEPARTURE FOR U.K. THEY ADDED THAT THEY WOULD BEGIN THIS COURSE OF ACTION ON NOV 3, WHEN ABOUT HALF ZUWAYTINA WORKERS WOULD HAVE COMPLETED 33 DAYS.

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3. NOTIFICATION APPARENTLY WAS ONLY RECEIVED TODAY.
EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY ZARRUG THAT HE HAD FORWARDED STATEMENT,
WHICH HE CALLED A THREAT WITH A SHORT DEADLINE, TO
PETROLEUM MINISTER MABROUK.
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